

Sinclair is a megacompany that controls images that go by TV to 25% of the households. They are entrusted with FREE! access to OUR! airwaves. These belong to a private corporation no more than a corporation can own the air we breathe, v. Chief Seattle ca. 1850 (I would surmise this is yet upcoming in the name of Free Trade [sic] and Globalization [sic].) I believe deeply in the sanctity of free speech; but I also believe deeply in the equal-protection clause of the Constitution. If a corporation reaching tens of millions is using the airwaves as a bully pulpit for the views of a few top executives, this violates equal protection. I suggest a compromise. I say, allow the Sinclair people to make their broadcast PROVIDED! they DO NOT MANDATE that local affiliates broadcast the program based, say, on local sensitivities and tastes. So: order them under penalty of law to drop their mandate. A second acceptable alternative is to require Sinclair to show Fahrenheit 9/11 within 24 hours, and in prime time, as a gesture toward fairness just prior to an election of major importance. ==>SIRS!<== Doing nothing on this issue is NOT AN OPTION!